

est only from the fact of their *priority*. Among these I notice that the first child born in this township was born August 26, 1791. She was a daughter of Mr. Samuel Stanton. She married Mr. Thomas Lillibridge, and now lives in the State of Illinois.

The first male child was born June 18, 1793. His name is Jabez Stearns. He now lives in the town of Lebanon, in this county.

The first wedding in this town took place January 1, 1796. The parties were Mr. Silas Kellogg and the eldest daughter of Mr. Jirah Mumford. There were at that time no magistrates here—no resident clergymen. They were obliged to send to the Delaware river for the Rev. Ezekiel Sampson, a Baptist clergyman, who came twenty miles through the wilderness, by marked trees, and duly united in matrimony the first wedded couple in this township. One who was present at that wedding, and now living, says, that nearly every man, woman, and child in the town were present, and all accommodated in one room.

The first adult person that died in this town was Mr. Jacob Van Meter, the eldest son of Jacob Van Meter, senior. He died in the fall of 1796. Previous to this, a child of two or three years old had died. It belonged to Zebulon Tanner, who resided temporarily here as a chopper for the settlers.

The first frame building was a barn, built by Mr. Silas Kellogg, in 1794. It stood nearly opposite the residence of Mr. Charles Kennedy. The first framed dwelling-house was built the next year by Mr. Joseph

Tanner. It was situated north of the village, by a cluster of apple-trees, still remaining. The road from the east passed through there before the turnpike was constructed. Here the first store in town was opened under the firm of "Granger & Tanner," in 1806. It was the only store within twenty miles. Their annual trade amounted to \$3,000.

There was no building in this village until the "Cochecton and Great Bend Turnpike" was constructed. The first house was built by Mr. Joseph Tanner in 1808, a few feet west of Mr. George Soper's residence. He used it as a dwelling, a store, and an office in which to transact his business as Justice of the Peace. He also built a tavern two stories high, a few feet east of it. These were burnt in 1811.

The first Justice of the Peace after the organization of this town and county, was Mr. Joseph Tanner. Mr. Stanton having been commissioned to act in Northampton County, no longer held this office. The first Constable was Benjamin Dix. Joseph Tanner and Elijah Peck were the first Supervisors of this town.

VI. TRIALS AND SUFFERINGS OF THE SETTLERS.

The privations and sufferings endured by persons who have penetrated into the wilderness and made it a home, are themes often dwelt upon with interest. We should never forget the sacrifices made by our fathers, to procure for us a comfortable home. We have already related some of them—all can never be